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### The House Cup was won by Neptune



#### EYFS Forest School



Did you know that children in EYFS participate in Forest School activities on a Friday afternoon?

Here are a couple of pictures of what they have been up to.



#### Dates to remember

##### June

5<sup>th</sup> (Tues) children back to school  
12<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Yr 5 tour of TW  
13<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Yr 6 to Rochester  
19<sup>th</sup> (Tues) EYFS Spring Barn Farm  
26<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Sports Day am – KS1, pm KS2  
29<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Y5 & 6 Kent police open day  
30<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 7.30 – 11.30 St Mark's Fest

##### July

4<sup>th</sup> (Weds) reserve sports day  
5<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Y3 to Wakehurst Place  
10<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Junior disco  
12<sup>th</sup> (Thur) EYFS Class assembly  
17<sup>th</sup> (Tues) 10 am leavers service at St Mark's Church  
17<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Yr 6 leavers BBQ 3.15 – 5pm  
20<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Last day of term for children

##### September

4<sup>th</sup> (Tues) First day of new term for children

#### EYFS Parent helpers – Reading

We're still looking for help. If there are any parents who could come in and listen to EYFS children read we would be very grateful. We would love to win reading rabbit! Please talk to one of the EYFS teachers or drop into the school office. Thank you.

#### Early Collection from school

If you need to pick your child up early, please come to the school office and sign your child out. Office staff will go and get your child once you have arrived.

#### Water bottles, Sun Cream, Sun Hats and hopefully sunny weather!

In the hope that term 6 is hot and sunny this is just to remind parents to please send bottles in daily with fresh water, they can be refilled at school if necessary. Water bottles are available to purchase from the office at £1.20 each.

Children should come into school with their sun hats, **and all day sun screen should be applied if you feel that it is appropriate.** Staff cannot apply cream during the school day, there just isn't the time.

## Year 4 Topic Day

On Wednesday afternoon, we welcomed many parents in to the Year 4 classes to come and see what we have been learning over the past term. As our class assembly was the following day, we decided to focus on our Science learning and we were able to share our knowledge and understanding of teeth and their functions,



the parts and functions of the digestive system as well as trying out some of the practical learning we have done too. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing the role of the teacher and showing off what they know. Thank you so much to all of the parents and carers that were able to pop in.

## Change of school uniform

The current school uniform has been under discussion for some time. The Governors have discussed it at the Full Governing Body meeting and Mr Bird and David Hill (Chair of Governors) have had a very productive meeting with the parent representatives.

From September there will be a phased change to the uniform, which will be as per the pictures below.



We expect the new EYFS children to be wearing the new uniform when they join in September, and any parents who wish to change to the new jumpers, etc in September may also do so.

We do not expect parents to immediately replace the brown items that they have, but the change will be completed within 2 years. The brown items will no longer be available to purchase.

Purchasing will now also be done in a different way. The school will not keep items on site, but will place orders twice a term, which can be collected from the school office.

The polo shirt should now be yellow, not gold and PE t-shirts will be in house colours.

From 2019 year 6's will be in white shirts and a tie, as part of their preparation for secondary school. The tie will be provided and presented to them by the school.

### **Attendance, Reading and the Good Book**

Congratulations to Farnham with their 100% attendance, and the rest of the attendance is looking pretty good this week. We have nearly recovered our annual position to 95% 😊, BUT, we are seeing an increasing number of holiday requests coming through the office. Whilst we totally understand the financial reasons for taking your children out of school in term time, it does mean that they miss valuable lesson time and learning, lessons that may not be repeated e.g. year 1 were learning fractions this week so removing them from the class would have meant that they missed the lessons on halving and quartering. So, please do bear this in mind if you make an application.

Class	% Attendance May 21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Daily readers 50% and above 😊	Good Book Certificate	
EYFS Camber	99.2	66	Khadeejah – for always trying her best	
EYFS Windsor	96.7		Manha – for writing labels for her fabulous drawing	
Yr 1 Arundel	95.6	73	Sophia – for great participation in class discussion	
Yr 1 Bodiam	98	47	Emila – for a great Georges Seurat picture	
Y2 Leeds	94.8	59 most improved	Charlie – for a fantastic African mask!	
Y2 Pevensey	98.3		Aidan – for excellent maths work!	
Y3 Lewes	95.2		Shelbi – for always having a positive attitude	
Y3 Deal	99.5	95	Rayhan – for his outstanding travel guide writing	
Y4 Dover	96.5	60	Aimee – for being a superstar in the Year 4 assembly	
<b>Y4 Farnham</b>	<b>100</b>	87	Lexie – for her excellent work on time in maths this week.	
Y5 Hever	97.3	50	Bailey – for his passionate approach to all our scientific investigations	
Y6 Rochester	99.2	52	Ruby – for some excellent story writing	
Whole School	97.5		Attendance for year 94.9% (target 95%)	

Yours sincerely

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